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SUBJ: OCTOBER MEETING OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL.

1. SINCE THE LATE OCTOBER MEETINGS BETWEEN ATTORNEYS GENERAL ELLIOT RICHARDSON AND PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA WILL BE THE FIRST AT THIS LEVEL SINCE JANUARY 1973 TRIPARTITE SESSIONS IN OTTAWA, IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO GIVE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION BOTH OF THE FACT THAT THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AND THAT THEY WILL COVER A RANGE OF BILATERAL US-MEXICAN PROBLEMS. WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILED REASONING (I.E. OUR DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON NARCOTICS) IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CAST THE EXPLANATION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID CONCEIVABLE OFFENSE AND EMBARRASSMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO BROACH THIS ASPECT DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 28 BREAKFAST FOR OJEDA PAULLADA. IF MEXICANS ALSO PERCEIVE ADVANTAGE, WE MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THEY SIMILARLY APPROACH CANADIANS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, PROPOSE TO LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF TRILATERAL MEETINGS AT AN EARLY DATE SINCE THIS IS MATTER FOR WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY IF WASHINGTON CONCURS AND, IF SO HOW CANADIANS WOULD BE APPROACHED SO WE CAN INFORM MEXICANS OF WHATEVER WE MIGHT BE DOING.
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